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Title

20 Durassad Fast-Dissolving Isotropic Expanded Microporous Composition

or Structure for Pharmaceutical, Veterinary, Dietetic, Food or

Cosmetic Use and Method for Obtaining Same

Art Unit

1615

Examiner

Charesse L. EVANS, Esq.

Honorable Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.111 AND

1.116

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, a Final Rejection, dated January 23, 2004, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS: See Listing of Claims. This listing will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

REMARKS

The applicants acknowledge the Examiner's Final Rejection with appreciation. Claims 26-44 remain under consideration. The Office maintains the obviousness rejection of Claims 26-36 and 39-42 under 35 USC § 103 based on Derrieu, et

87937678 04/30/2004 CBETANCO 00000007 083220 18.00 It should be apparent that the undersigned attorney has made an earnest effort to place this application into condition for immediate allowance. If he can be of assistance to the Examiner in the elimination of any possibly-outstanding insignificant impediment to an immediate allowance, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call him at his below-listed number for such purpose.

Allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
THE FIRM OF HUESCHEN AND SAGE

By: G. PATRICK SAGE

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Enclosure: Listing of Claims; Postal Card Receipt

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY FURTHER OR ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED (DUE TO OMISSION, DEFICIENCY, OR OTHERWISE), OR TO CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT, TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 08,3220.